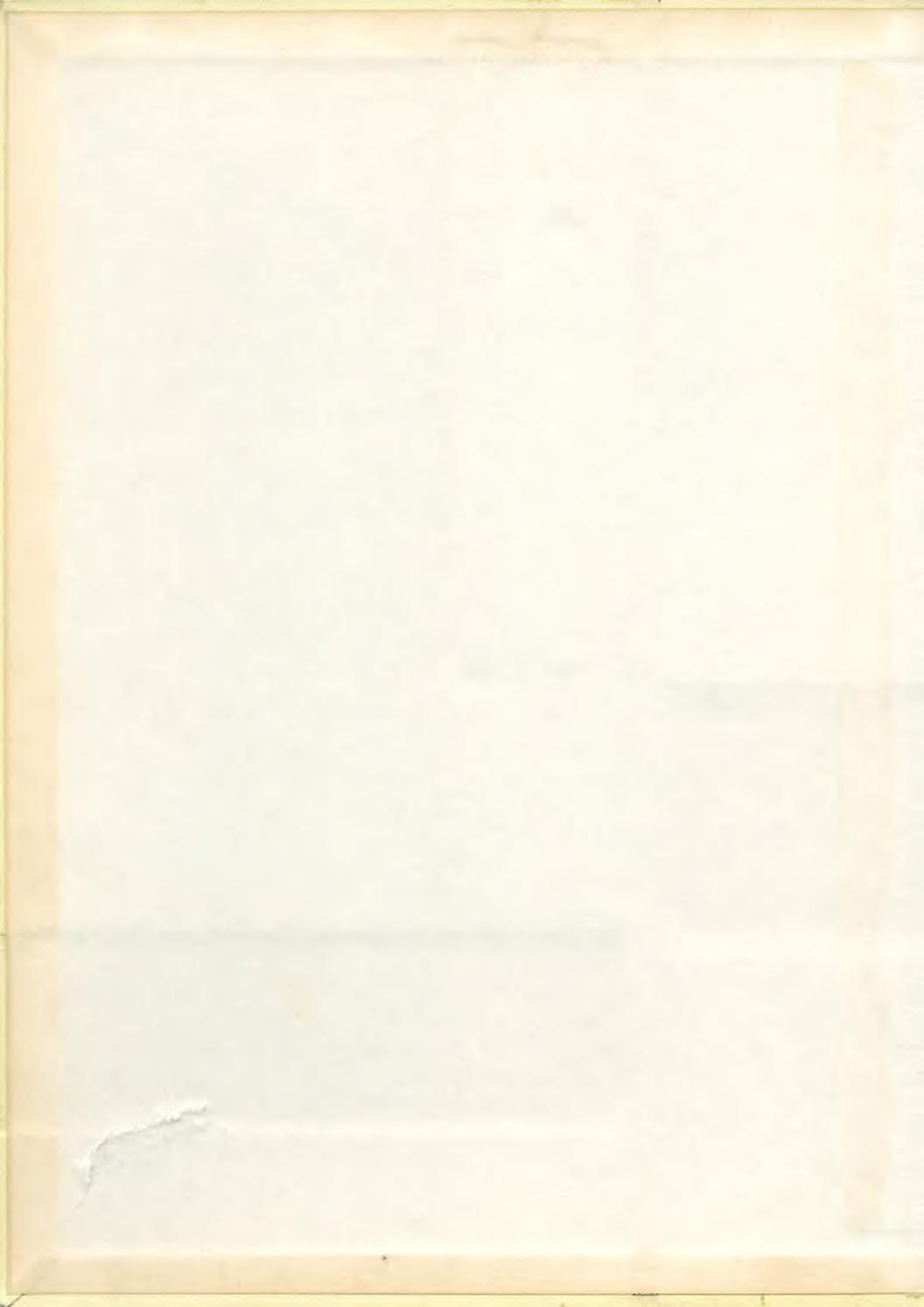
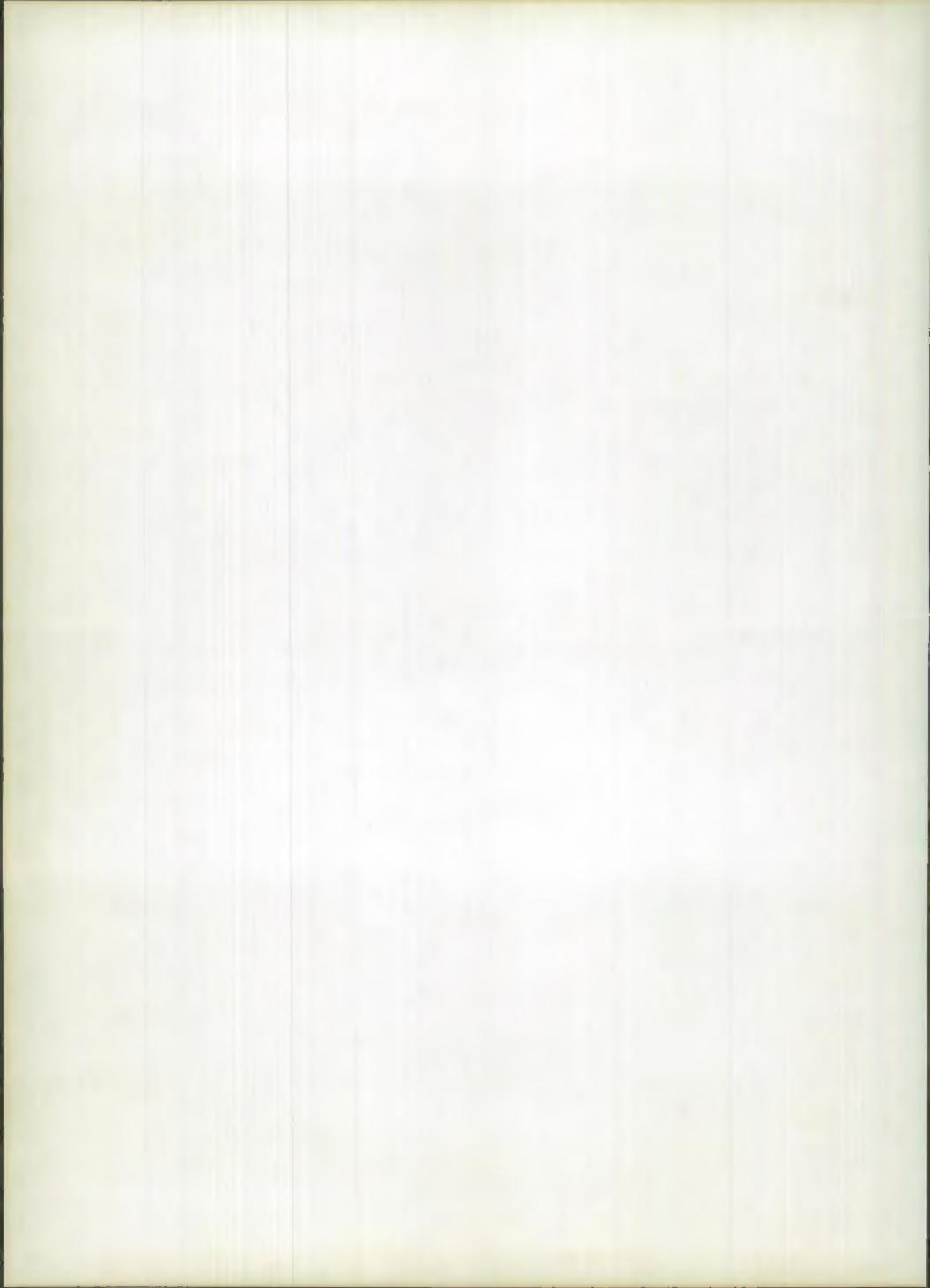


BEAR TRACKS



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1960

Bear Tracks

Ashley Community School
Ashley , Michigan





Getting set for scrimmage in cleans and helmens is Ashley's team which played its first year of football.

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We introduce "Ashley Bear" with his inquisitive nose.

Foreword

Ashley School is the nucleus around which the lives of 465 students center for nine months of the year. As each day passes a new block is added to the student's ever increasing store of knowledge, social experience, and adjustments. It is like an endless belt; new students begin the process as seniors complete it.

A little companion has been designed to accompany the reader through this book, the "Ashley Bear." He is a very active little fellow, typifying most of the students of Ashley, and will be found on each divider page throughout the book.







Elementary





Mrs. Betty MacDonald teaches good habits through a bulletin board display.

Seen in the early elementary rooms are Mrs. Beulah Mitchell, Mrs. Ellen Bacigal, and Mrs. Irene Keck.

We Teach-We Listen-We Understand

Leading the little ones in their earliest school adjustments is the big job of the kindergarten teacher. Mrs. MacDonald developed some very interesting teaching aids to help her young students. Among these were a succession of bulletin boards,

Grades one, two, and three are concerned with the basic studies, especially reading. Units of study in language and social studies brought interest to young students. Mrs. Irene Keck was often seen substituting for an absent teacher and on picture-taking day was teaching for Mrs. Iva Nethaway, first grade teacher.

One could not visit a later elementary grade without finding a display of some scientific units. Social studies and arithmetic projects were developed.

All grades, kindergarten through sixth, maintained outstanding displays on their bulletin boards, which made pleasant living and learning conditions,



George Gentry joins Mm. Ella Mae Beck and Mrs. Ruby Gray at a map conference.



Kindergarten

Bruce Long takes his turn at conducting this hard working rythm band. BACK ROW: Mark Crumbaugh, Delores Evans, Linda Kimmel, David Meyers, and Alfred Denniston. SEAT-ED: Vanessa Mueller, Carrie Mikus, Richard Tupica, and Billy Butcher.

This group of "experts" directs
Annette Sourek's arrangement of the
felt board, FROM LEFT: Michael
Parks, Thomas Powelson, Thomas
Ray, Diane Porubsky, Sally Kay Plesko, Janie Fowler, Thomas Polash,
Charles Yelsik, and Pamela Witherell.



A cozy story circle is the best way to hear every word of the exciting story being read by Mrs. Betty MacDonald. FROM LEFT: Deborah Garrett. Dean Hendry, Billy Gross, Donna Sue Prestage, Sandy Amspoker, Gerald Wallen, Robert Mason, and Lucy Palek.

First Grade





A fine fall harvest exhibit is shown by Jimmy
Porebsky, Larry Smith,
Gregory Contrerz, Terry
Witherell, Bobby Salazar,
Donna LaClair, James
Mason, Walter Golombisky,
Alan Goodhall, and Carla
Keck. Nancy Andersen,
cadet teacher, and Mrs.
Iva Nethaway admire the
display.

The daily ritual of keeping the calendar up to date is performed by Mike Tomes, with the assistance of Cindy Lator, Debby Benadick, Frank Chovance, Roger Mills, Dale Sadler, Randy Wang, Cheryl Porubsky, Juanita DeBois, Beverly Smith, Connie Burnham, and Marcia Boeskool.

To learn to enjoy school and reading is the primary aim in the first grade. A new numbers chart with letters was added to the

room this year. The children learned about the value of money by counting pennies, nickels, and dimes.

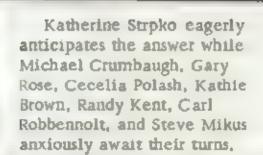


Clock--mobile hands-make learning to tell time fun for Roger Kimmel, Linda Brzak, Nicky Kindel, Sandra Good, Rena Good and Danny Chubb.

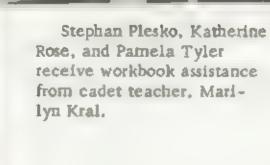
Second Grade

"Phonics is the important feature of the second grade," states Mrs. Beulah Mitchell, "this study helps the child develop his reading skills."

Second graders widen their study of reading to number problems, language, science, and social studies. Spelling is important also in their writing.



Proudly displaying their safety board are Terry Butcher, Billy Abraham, Dana Beracy, Cara Osborn, Molly Gould, Paul Viles, Pamela Wang, and Joanne Davis.



Mrs. Beulah Mitchell uses word cards to help reading class Gale Thayer, Roger Evans, Margie Mason, Nancy Jo Mills, Carter Garrett, Leonard Coon, Don Mills, Robert Harnick, and Kenneth Mau.

Third Grade

Mrs, Ellen Bacigal believes it is important to meet individual needs in a successful reading program.

Enrichment in training is added through the library, art, music, and social activities,



Susan Brzak, Penny Harnick, Jerry Deming, Jerry Blanchard. Otis Viles, Paul Sadler, Jimmy Blanchard, and Darrell LaClair pause a moment from a blackboard lesson with Mrs. Bacigal.



Cadet teacher, Julie Fisk, makes a game of map study, much to the enjoyment of David Mills, Dennis Huntoon, John Follett, Troy Brown, Linda Coon, Barbara Brzak, and Darlynn Powelson,

The general opinion of these boys and girls is that Halloween masks are much more fun when one makes them himself, BACK ROW: Billy Gould, Jerry Mills, Mary Zimmerman, Wanda Sue Crumbaugh, Jeanne Duchi, Jeannie Kent, Monte Lator, and Gary Freed. SEATED: Nadine Osborn, Linda Boeskool, Sandra Wingle, and Cathie Keck.



Much enjoyment can come from creative artwork, proven here by the smiles of BACK ROW; Martha Follett, cadet teacher; Jean Follett, Sandra Shaw, Janet Plesko, and Marsha Huntoon. FRONT ROW: John Matthews, Robert Good, Floyd Mason, Billy LaClair, Ronald Evans.

Fourth Grade

Learning to study and finding out how to use aids to study, such as the dictionary, is a new experience as these children advance to the fourth grade.

Because Mrs. Ruby Gray has much experience in science, this study is becoming especially interesting to these young students.

Ancient history comes
to life in the form of paper mache dinosaurs shown
by Ronald Burk, John Mason, Patricia Wallen, Gloria
Salazar, Mike Polash, Junior Sefl, Peter Benadict,
Carl Wolfe, Sandra Payne,
and Paul Buxton (seated).



Practicing a new skill, the use of the dictionary, with the guidance of Mrs. Ruby Gray are, BACK ROW: Sherry Wang, Connie Yelsik, Kendra Kindel, Debra Bovee, and Jill Beracy. FRONT ROW- Joyce Keek, Dorothy Porubsky, Diane Goodhall, Candance Amspoker, and Mary Jane Kral.



Fifth Grade

Wesley Buxton, Michael Meyers, Duane Wallen, Glennan Kostal, Steven Good, Karen Glover, Rebecca Denniston, Betty

Brzak, Myrtle Dushane, Marsha Matthews, and Linda Huntoon find much enjoyment in using a new set of encyclopedias.

Sharon Whitford, cadet teacher, explains their use,

Social studies is the big issue in the fifth grade. These classes include the development of the skills, attitudes, and behavior that are needed for efficient, useful, and desirable participation in society.



"Eager" might be the adjective for these boys and girls as they anticipate help in social studies, Standing: John Burnham, Doris Wallen, Carolyn

Motz, George Cordray, Paul Polash, and Pamela Shaw. Middle Row: Roger Keck, Dale Yelsik, Rosalie Viles, Harold Deming, and Douglas Goward. Front Row: Michael Kent, Daniel Salazar, Karen Mills, Joey Porubsky, and Floyd Brown.



James Brzak's turtle doesn't frighten these brave young science enthusiasts. Linda Robbennolt, Jeanne Tanner, Ruth Haruska, Carol Porubsky, and Mary Lou Sadles add the turtle to their collection.

Sixth Grade

Standing: Carl Dennis, Henry Huntoon, Lyle Payne, Nancy Good, Gloria Good, Seated: Linda Mason, Doris Matthews, Phyllis Stasa, and Barbara Le Clair who planned and made Christmas decorations.





David Polash, Karen Bertuleit, Tommy Preed, Albert Good, Lloyd Brown, Lanny Kostal, Gerald Smith, and Jack Dougherty are proud of their wreaths made for the Christmas program,

Danny Foliett, Diane
Goward, Bruce Anderson,
Patty Burnham, Bruce
George, Skippy Mills,
Marvin Burk, Connie Keck,
and Candy Ray study the
uses of the telegraph from
the model which they
made,





"Around The World" studies are explained by their teacher, Mr. George Gentry, to Terry Bovee, Jerry Brzak, Bonnie Garlock, Gary Porubsky, Larry Mason, Sharon Mason, and Lorraine Rose,



BACK ROW: George Gentry, sponsor; Duane Wallen, Lyle Payne, Dale Yelsik, Becky Denniston, Gloria Good, Jeanne Tanner, Nancy Good, Danny Follett, Douglas Goward, David Polash, and Bruce George, MIDDLE ROW: Karen Mills, Carolyn Motz, Doris Wallen, Betty Brzak, Marsha Matthews, Carol Porubsky, Ruth Ann Haruska, Pamela Shaw, Mary Lou Sadler, Linda Robbennolt, Barbara LaClair, Connie Keck, and Sharon Matthews, FRONT ROW: Roger Keck, Paul Polash, Floyd Brown, Danny Salazar, Micheal Kent, Jerry Brzak, John Burnham, Steve Good, Glennan Kostal, and Bruce Andersen.

Patrol Guides Way To Safety

Pride in their organization was evident as Ashley's patrol members performed their duties,

Lieutenants and captains were elected each semester, Lieutenants serving were Linda Robbennolt and Roger Keck, Captains were Diane Goward and Nancy Good, Neatness and posture became requisites of a good patrolman.

Extra activities included a trip to CMU for Patrol Rally Day and a tobogganing party at the St. Johns' Golf Course.

Mrs. Ella Mae Beck, fifth grade teacher, gave ber cooperation to the patrol group,



Diane Goward and Connie Keck watch Lieutenant Wilburn Legree as he adjusts Douglas Goward's safety patrol belt. Lieutenant Legree was a guest speaker at an assembly for all patrol members.





Seventh Grade

John Heggaton adds up the score as John Denniston, A.C. Kostal, Jimmy Kostal, Carol Dennis, Frank Burton, Dennis Coon, Donald Wallen, and George Dushane wait for that A or---

Gayly wrapped packages cause smiles of anticipation from Ruth Ann Sadler, Alyce Evans, Janet Gavenda, Sharon Matthews, Karen Blanchard, Clare Buxton, James Tanner, Terry Wagner, Buddy Kostuk, and Larry Wagner,





Caught at the board are Mary Lou Patterson, Darlene Zimmerman, Linda Shaw, Rose Mary Porubsky, Pamela Polash, Janet Nass, and Barbara Rose.

Discussions were particularly enjoyed by the seventh grade. Demonstrating their panel set-up are Alyce Evans, Lee George, Sandra Tomasek Richard Keck, Lee Fisk, Mary Ann Smolka, Lars Andersen, Frances Pankhurst, Wanda Brandal, Cheryl Osborn, and Steven Pakis.





BACK ROW: Douglas Webster, student coach, Donald Wallen, Jimmy Tanner, Carl Denmis, and Steven Paksi. FRONT ROW: Lee Fisk, Clare Buxton, Lars Andersen, and Richard Keck.

Small Fry Discover Sport Talents

The Cubs began the season as two teams. As the season developed, the seventh grade played some opponents and the eighth grade did the same. At other games the two classes combined into one team.

Seventh games:

Dec.	7	Ashley 9	Elsie	52
Jan.	20	Ashley 32	Maple Rapids	29*
Feb.	15	Ashley 28	Elsie	38

Seventh and Eighth games:

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Dec.	16	Ashley	11	Ithaca	47
Jan,	6	Ashley	6	Fulton	32
Jan.	27	Ashley	8	Ithaca	69*
Feb.	3	Ashley	32	Lyons	35*
Feb.	17	Ashley	15	Fulton	33
*Hom	e games				



Giving of their time and talents, seventh grade cheerleaders, Ruth Ann Sadler, Janet Gavenda, and Cheryl Osborn lead an Ashley cheer,



Eighth Grade

Ricky Beracy, treasurer Lana Brandal, reporter Carl Brzak John Chubb

David Coon Kenneth Coon Mary Denniston Judy Duchi

Howard Dushane Susan Fowler Calvin Gage Frances Geiger

John Haruska Gerald Haynes Jim Henderson Pauline Hilborn

Richard Kral, president Arlin Mason Arthur Porubsky Charlene Porubsky, secretary

Carolyn Ray
Karen Ray
Sherry Saylor, vice-presiden
Marci Sefi

Judy Shaw
Darlene Vanecek
Richard Vincent
Loren Wagner



BACK ROW: Douglas Webster, student teacher; Richard Brzak manager, John Haruska, Arthur Porubsky, Richard Kral, Richard Vincent, FRONI ROW: Kenneth Coon, James Henderson, Calvin Gage, and John Chubb.

Cubs Extend Athletic Abilities

Eighth games:

 Dec. 7
 Ashley 19
 Elsie
 37

 Jan. 20
 Ashley 24
 Maple Rapids 29°

 Feb. 15
 Ashley 20
 Elsie
 32

Eighth grade cheerleaders, Marci Sefl. Sherry Saylor, and Frances Geiger, send up a cheer for the junior high team.





Student Coach, Douglas Webster, gathers the Cubs in a huddle during a time-out at the Ithaca game.



Fundamental principles of music are learned to prepare these young students for the first band. BACK ROW Skippy Mills, Connie Keek, Darlene Vanecek, Dotto Wallen. SECOND ROW Catolyn Motz, Linda Shaw, Pamela Polash, Pamela Shaw, Ruth Ann Sadier, Donald Wallen, Thomas Freed, Bruce Andersen, Douglas Dennis, David Polash, George Cordray, Marvin Burk, Dale Yelsik, and Frances Geiger. FRONT ROW Marsha Huntoon, Mary Lou Sadler, Phyllis Stasa, Jeanne Tanner, and Rosalie Viles.

School Trains Mind And Body



School not only trains the child mentally but also seeks to assist him physically, emotionally, and creatively.

A few of the year's events which helped develop the whole child were the PTA sponsored annual Halloween party, the fluoride clinic (as given by Phyllis Hinderleider to Paul Viles), and classroom activities. Creating musical tones and artistic samplers, as demonstrated by the band and history exhibitors, Mary Denniston and Richard Kral, give satisfaction both emotionally and mentally.









"Parlez-vous francais" became familiar words in Ashley's halls as Mrs. Nancy Husk began the first year of French in the history of the school.

Only one speech course is offered at Ashley but this gives training in basic needs of each individual.

This year four years of English was instituted; the first three years were required and English literature became an elective. Also offered was a senior general English course.

With poise and a smile, Carol Wallen makes her point as she trains in oral communication.

Communication Skills-Basis Of Knowledge



Sherry Simcox, Bessie
Zimmerman, Jim Brownell,
and Tom Bradley view some
of the sights of France as
pointed out by Mrs. Husk,



Communication through knowledge of a country's customs was a basic unit in tenth grade literature. Dennis Cook, Rebecca Glover, and Kathy Wolfe display their exhibit about Switzerland,



Supervised by Mrs. Beck, Frances Wingle, Janice Benson, Benny Konecny, David Beracy, Harold DeMott, Ron Gavenda, and Clifford Vincent concentrate on the principles of trigonomentry.

Scholars Employ Math Tools

Emphasis was given to mathematics by the inclusion of advanced math courses, such as, advanced algebra the first semester, and trigonomentry the second semester.

Enrollment showed a definite increase with 27

in general mathematics, 58 in algebra, 32 in geometry, 31 in eighth arithmetic, and 7 in advanced mathematics.

General math or algebra is required of all fresh-



John Sopocy and Mrs. Beck work out a problem in general math.



BACK ROW- Geneva Buxton, I on Thayer, Kathryn Polash, Beverly Studt, Julie Fisk, Fileen Hoffer, Earl son, Richard Kral, Martha Follett, Lester Benson, Steven Paksi, Wayne Brown, Gary Whitford, and Joe Jim Tanner, Lee Fisk, Sharon Shaw, Shirley Fvans, Gloria Stasa, Deanna Derry, Frances Wingle, Fugene Pauline Vanek, Max Kremer, Susan Fowler Janice Benson, Pauline Hilborn, Sandra Tomasek, Cheryl Os-Chapin, and Rita Kral, STANDING: Mr. Robert Greene, Instructor.

Gary Whitford, secretary; Frances Wingle, treasurer; and Deanna Derry, president served as band officers for 1960.



Music A

The Ashley High School Band is a highly selective organization which enables students possessing musical ability to perform and study good music. Character development of the band student is one of the main aims of the class in addition to learning music for pure pleasure.

Participating in many and various kinds of activities during the entire year the band is one of the most active organizations in school.

March 5, 1960 the band took part in the District V Band and Orchestra Festival held



Shepard, Paul Beck, Carole Dougherty, Douglas Hyde, Carol Walien, Paulette Brandal, Mary Lou Patter-Duchi, SECOND ROW: Frances Pankhurst, Alice Evans, Janet Nass, Janet Gavenda, Rosemary Porubusky, Kral, Shirley Chapko, Mary Ann Smolka, Kent Kremer, and Marcella Sefl. THIRD ROW: Nancy Shaw, born, and Connie Long, FRONT ROW: Marilyn Kral, Jackie Lumbert, Marilyn Wallen, Judy Duchl, Norma

Pleasure And A Challenge

at Perry, Michigan, May 13, 1960 the band held its annual spring concert in the high school gymnasium.

Four members of the senior band participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival held in St. Johns, February 13, 1960. Eugene Kral, Deanna Derry and Frances Wingle received a first division rating signifying superior performance for their cornet trio Bright Eyes. Joe Duchi also received a first division rating for his trombone solo Wild Rose Polka. Eugene received a second division rating for his cornet solo My Regards.

Director Robert Greene attentively listens to a play-back of his own recording.





BACK ROW Karen Ray, Pauline Hilborn, Carolyn Ray, Vicki Goldsberry, Judy Haruska, Frances Geiger, Judy Duchi, Shirry Saylor, and Darlene Vanacek, FRONT ROW Betty Denniston, Pat Polash, Mildred Benedict, Kay Fisher, Mary Denniston, Susan Fowler, Marcia Seff, and Sharon Whitford.

Music Enriches Students' Day

Chorus for 1960 was an all garl group. These singers appeared at local events including PTA and the annual Christmas program. Scheduling of classes created a conflict and the male singers were lost.

The nine high school band students are those who are in the final step leading to assignment to the senior band.

Director for both groups was Robert Greene.



BEGINNING HIGH SCHOOL BAND Sally Malek, Barbara Bradley, Cheryl Bovee, Diane Maxa, JoAnn Jelinek, Connie Northrup, Jim Brownell, Brian Sievert, and Janie Fisk.

Knowledge - - For Farm And Home

Mr. Bryant explains the reading of a light meter to ag students James Reisinger, Ronald Wolfe and Kenneth Bradley.



Farm shop is a busy place as the boys hurry to complete first semester projects.

Vocational classes, agriculture, shop, and home economics exercise mental skills while providing the student with manual training. Ashley Community School offers both farm shop, taught by Howard Bryant, and general shop, taught by Duane Lane. Mrs.

Lillian McKinney instructs home economic classes

I. II, and III. In all of these courses modern equipment lets the student actually practice what is taught in the text book.

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Home ec. students Rebecca Matthews and Janice Anderson carefully measure ingredients for their pies.







Miss Ruth Smith, commercial instructor, keeps out of mischief by doing books for the Ashley Board of Education. Extra minutes are used to instruct the cheerleaders.

Mrs. Sharron Follett balances the books before retiring January 29, 1960.

Mrs. Amta Kindel counts the day's cash. She took Sharron's place on February 1, 1960.

Commercial Subjects Train Business Minds



Principal Husk gives
the day's assignments to
the office personnel.
STANDING: Sharon
Whitford, Helen Kay
Bigelow, Nancy Schreiber,
Nancy Shaw, Sharon
Shaw, SEATED: Sandra Reha, Carole Dougherty, and Martha Follett.

These girls have been selected from the commercial classes for office practice.

Typing is a major necessity in the commercial field.

Office machines which included a Pierce Transcriber, a Victor ten-key adding machine, and a Marchant calculator were added to the department this year.





Indispensable Subjects - - -

With complete innocence and faith this pair sat on the table in the science room. Gasps and shricks came from the girls as the instructor talked about dissection. Who won? The cats and the girls, of course.



Chuck Mattson operates projector in U.S. history class.

Ashley's curriculum offers general science, biology, chemistry, and physics. This is the second year that both chemistry and physics were taught.

Three years of social studies are required which include world history, government, and U.S. history. Government is a full-year subject.

"The Inseparables." Mr. Wallace Frank, science instructor, and Mr. Robert White, social studies teacher, were always seen together until Mr. White decided he should get that army career behind him and enlisted in the National Guard.



Frances Wingle, editor-in chief, with Nancy Schreiber, staff editor, and Chuck Mattson, junior editor, set up a page lay-out as Clifford Vincent, junior member, offers suggestions.

Journalism Department Extended

This, the third year of journalism at
Ashley, saw expansion of the program. The
annual, which had always been a senior
class project, became a part of the journalism department. Staff members must have
a year of journalism to qualify and need an
A or B scholastic average.

Because the Spotlite is a mimeographed

paper, students receive training with the mimeograph and the mimeoscope besides learning to cut a stencil.

New to the school and community was the Ashley School Scope which put out its first edition October 9, 1959, under the supervision of Van Mueller, superintendent, and Mrs. Doroty Bates, publications advisor.



Ronald Gavenda, sales manager; Judy Simcox, advertising manager, and Douglas Webster, business manager; work out sales promotion schemes. Carole Dougherty types the final dummy as Deanna Derry and Martha Follett, typists, watch the process.



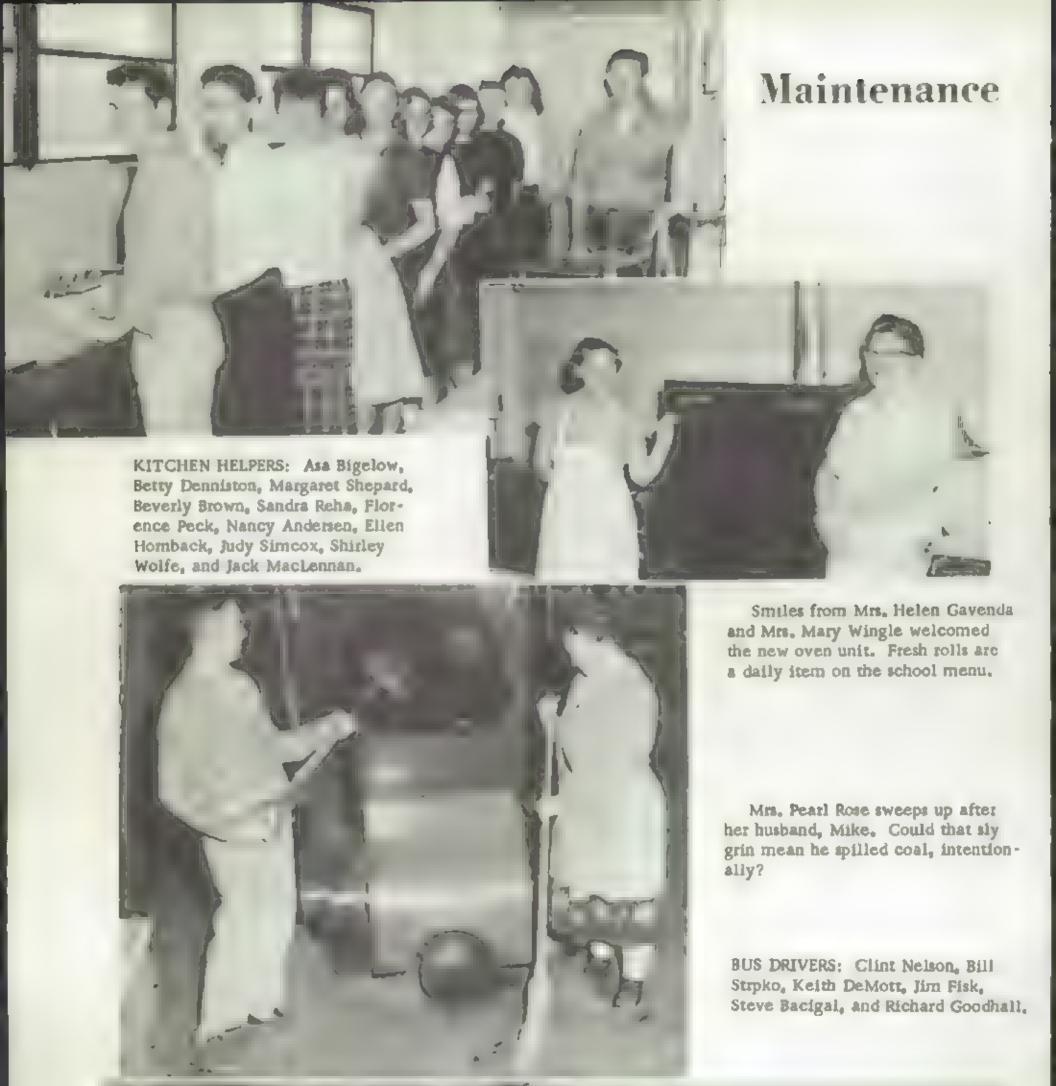
SPOTLITE STAFF Elien Homback, production manager, Shirley Wolfe, business manager, Helen Kay Bigelow, JV sports editor; Sharon Shaw, girls' sports editor, Mildred Benedick, feature editor, and Carol Dougherty, cadet teacher. SEATED Nancy Shaw, varsity sports editor, Marilyn Kral, assistant editor, Julie Fisk, editor-in-chief, Chuck Mattson, art editor; and Ron Wolfe, advertising manager.

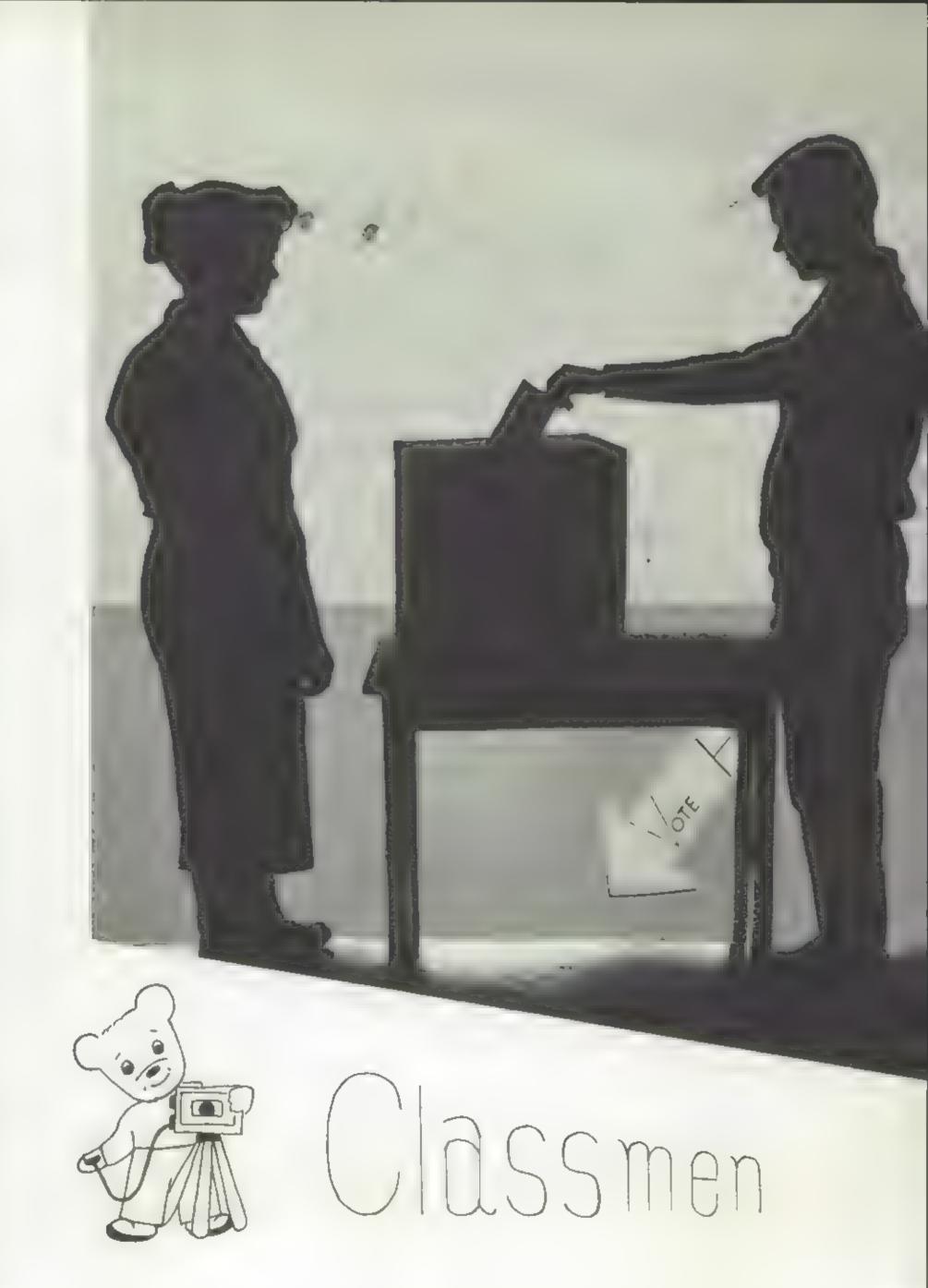


Carol Wallen acted as copy editor for the Scope, assisted by Deanna Derry, Carol Dougherty, and Judy Simcox as typists. Carol and Deanna wrote articles under assignment.

Early in the fall of 1959 staff members of the Bear Tracks and the Spotlite attended a journalism meeting at MSU. All lined up at the carry all are June Fisk, Ron Gavenda, Chuck Mattson, Marilyn Kral, Judy Simcox, Nancy Schreiber, and Mrs. Dorothy Bates, advisor.







Brian Osborn, president
Thomas Federspiel, vice-president
Bessie Zimmerman, secretary
Marilyn Wallen, treasurer

Bonnie Mason, reporter Janet Keck, reporter Janice Andersen Rita Benadick







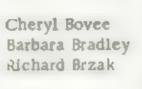
























Freshman initiation was a great day! Sally Malek and Joanne Jelinek smile as they leave for home,



Joseph Duchi Mary Fisk















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Joanne Jelinek Gayle Johnson

Freshmen Add New Spark To High School





James Kimmel Max Kremer

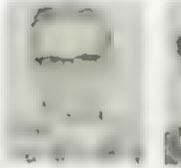




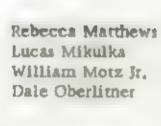
Jackie Lumbert Sally Malek









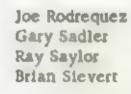










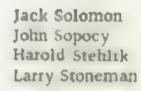








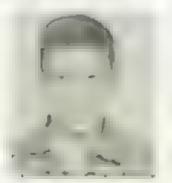






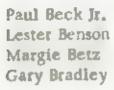






Anton Strpko Beverly Studt Ricky Thayer Roger Uribe

Eugene Kral, president Connie Northrup, vice-president Paulette Brandal, secretary Diane Maxa, treasurer



Wayde Brown James Brownell Diana Brzak Norma Chapin

Bob Chapko Shirley Chapko Dennis Cook Pat Cordray

Gary Bradley and Tom Fabus display exhibit for Sophomore literature, a basic requirement at Ashley.























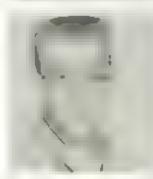




























Sophomores Cultivate Basic Skills

Tom Good Eileen Hoffer







Donna Kostal Rosemary Kral Kent Kremer







Marsha Lauer Connie Long Carol Mau









Ronald Mills Glen Motz Bessie Ordway Sharon Paksi









Stan Plesko Catherine Polash Robert Rodriquez Carol Sadler









Leland Shepard Sherry Simcox Gloria Stasa Helen Strnad









Alice Thompson Lorraine Tupica Richard Williams Kathryn Wolfe

James Fabus, president Chuck Mattson, vice-president Pauline Vanek, secretary Tom Bradley, treasurer

Norman Hanus, parliamentarian Robert Beck Jr. Mildred Benadick David Beracy

> Helen Kay Bigelow Kenneth Bradley Galen Brown Douglas Coon

Karin Decker Harold DeMott Helen Denniston James Edwards

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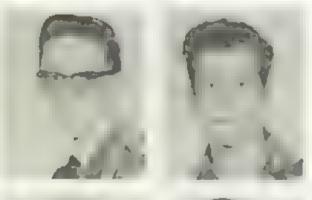












Juniors Branch To Selective Fields

Douglas Hyde Johnny Jelinek





Joan Keck Benny Konecny Terry Klick







Marguerite Krueger Marvin John Mills Nancy Nass









John Nixon Eugene Oberlander Robert Ordway Gerald Paksi









Gordon Peck
Pat Polash
James Reisinger
Beatrice Rodriquez









Tom Saylor Sharon Shaw Carol Stasa Toni Thayer









Rosemary Thompson Clifford Vincent Marsha Weller Gary Whitford



Frances Wingle

Valedictorian

The high honor of valedictorian was acquired by Frances Wingle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen F. Wingle of Route 1, Ashley.

Frances has been active in many school and community activities.

She was a member of the Ashley Ravelen 4-H Club.

Among school activities she has served in the capacity of treasurer and president of her class; secretary and president of the Student Council: She filled various offices for the Band Club, FTA, 4-H, and Varsity Club.

As a junior she was the junior co-editor of the Bear Tracks, taking over editorship in her senior year.

She has been an active member of the girls' basketball team, serving as captain in her senior year; and was also a member of the cheerleading squad.

Frances was chosen D.A.R. Good Citizen for 1960,

Seniors Develop Inherent Abilities

Janice Benson

Salutatorian

Janice Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Benson, of Route 1, Ashley, was named salutatorian.

Her school activities centered in her musical interests.

She was a member of the Ashley band for three years; a member of the Band Club; and she participated in mixed chorus.

Janice plans to attend Andersen College, Andersen, Indiana for two years. Later she intends to transfer to the University of Michigan to continue her medical training.

Janice has many hobbies and outside activities. She enjoys reading, roller skating, and bicycle riding. She is a member of the local Bible Club.





Douglas Webster, president

Honor Student
Bear Tracks
Junior Play
Band 1
FTA
Basketball 1,2,3,4
Track 2
Football 4
Baseball 1

Officers





Rita Kral, secretary

Honor Student Spotlite Staff Student Council Band 1,2,3,4 FTA 4-H Basketball 2,3,4 Cheerleader

Asa Bigelow, vice-president

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Cafeteria





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Football 4
Track 2,4

Nancy Andersen

FHA FTA Cafeteria







Ellen Homback

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Basketball 1 FFA





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Cafeteria
Senior Play



Good food, many guests, and smiling service as seniors serve chicken supper to raise money toward trip.

Jack MacLennan

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Randy Good

Track 3,4
Football 4
Chorus
Spotlite Staff



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Ronald Wolfe

FFA
Spotlite Staff
Track 2
Junior; Senior Play









Deanna Derry

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FHA Library Cafeteria







Jerry Weller

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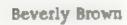
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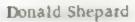
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Marilyn Kral

Honor Student Student Council Spotlite assistant-editor Junior; Senior Play Band 1,2,3,4 FTA; 4-H Library







Stanley Saylor

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John Carpenter

Baseball 1,2,3,4 Basketball 1,2 Football 4 Track 3,4 Junior Play-properties



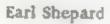
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Shirley Wolfe

Honor Student Spotlite Staff FHA; 4-H FTA Senior Play Cafeteria



Chorus Junior; Senior Play Band 4



Steve Mikulka

FFA.



Vesta Kay Fisher

Chorus



Don Zimmerman

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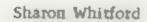
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Annabell Gotham Cafeteria



Office Practice Library FTA FHA Chorus Junior Play







John Mikulka

FFA

Nancy Shaw

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Band 2,3,4
Junior; Senior Play
Office Practice
4-H



Margaret Shepard

Library FHA Cafeteria

Gary Johnson
Basketball 1

FFA





Merle Hoffer



Track 3 Baseball 3 FFA



Martha Follett

Honor Student Band 1,2,3,4 FTA: FHA Bear Tracks Senior Play Office Practice 4-H





Robert Kral

Student Council Junior; Senior Play FFA Baseball 1 Track 3 Basketball 1,2,3



Junior Play Band 4 4-H Chorus







ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Marci Sefl, Jackie Lumbert, Jeanne Hanus, Marsha Lauer, Gary Bradley, John Mills, Marguerite Krueger, Mary Ann Smolka, and Sandra Tomasek. SEATED Judy Duchi, Rita Kral, treasurer, Marilyn Kral, secretary, Jim Fabus, vice-president and Frances Wingle, president.

Student Council Revises Objective

The main aim of this year's Student Council was to make it a more active organization in the school. A new contitution was drawn up to replace the scant and outdated previous one. Through the class representatives the council attempted to create more student interest in the organization by encouraging the

students to offer suggestions and ideas for the improvement of the school.

All homecoming festivities for 1959 were supervised by the council. In addition to maintaining a pop machine, the council sold refreshments at all of the home games, donating half the profit to the athletic fund.

Marguerite Krueger and Judy Duchi, a Student Council committee for better bulletin boards, arrange a display.





Mr. Dale Howard replaced Mr. Robert White as sponsor in the second semester.



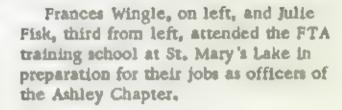
FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA-BACK ROW. Gary Whitford, music. Ron Gavenda, math. Sharon Shaw, Julie Fisk, (president) third grade. Nancy Shaw, (secretary). Carole Dougherty, (treasurer) journalism, Frances Wingle, (vice-president). Marilyn Kral, second grade. Rita Kral, chemistry. Martha Foliett, fourth grade. Doug Webster, physical education. FRONT ROW. Norma Chapin, Nancy Andersen, first grade. Helen Kay Bigelow, kindergarten helper. Sandra Reha, sixth grade. Sharon Whitford, fifth grade. Connie Northrup, physical education. Cathy Polash. Eileen Hoffer, Shirley Wolfe, bookkeeping. NOT PICTURED. Pat Polash.

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One night meeting per month plus two held during home room period each six weeks was set as the regular schedule for the year 1959-60.

Other activities included a tea for the teachers, August 31; MEA Teachers' Institute in Saginaw in October; served as hosts and hostesses at PTA during American Education Week; record dance and refreshments for Berlin game; visited Mt. Pleasant Training School, February 4; served as baby-sitters at PTA meetings.

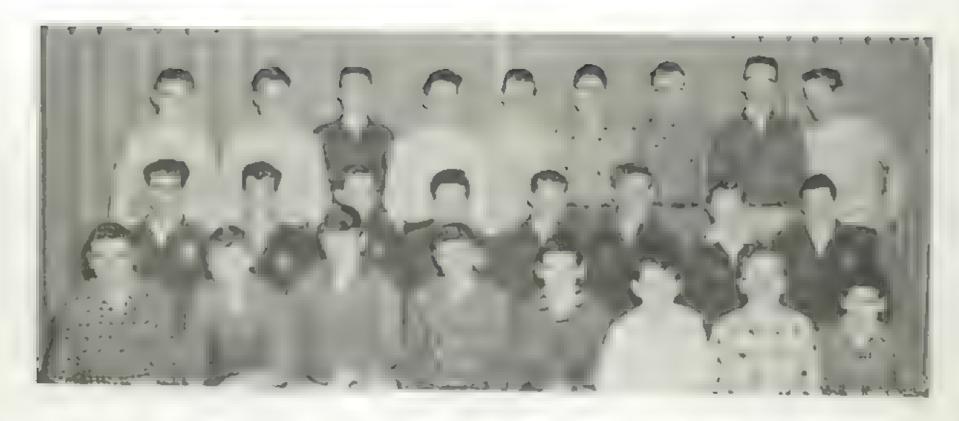






Mrs. Nancy Husk receives a polished apple from Sandra Reha, FTA member.

This traditional apple-polishing was done during American Education Week when all Ashley teachers were presented with one.



BACK ROW: Tom Fabus, Kenneth Davis, Pat Cordray, Galen Brown Lester Benson, Bob Geiger, James Reisinger, and Stanley Plesko. MIDDLE ROW: Philip Hanus, Johnny Jelinek, Karl Kremer, Jerry Weller, Gary Bradley, Kent Kremer, Ronald Haynes, and Terry Klick, BACK ROW: Glen Motz, Bob Chapko, Harry Huntoon, Ray Saylor John Sopocy, Max Kremer, William Motz Jr., and Joe Rodriquez Jr.

FFA Guides Young Farmers

- Oct, 20 Beef Cattle Feeder Sale, West Branch
- Nov. 6 Greenhand Initiation
- Jan. 14 Ron Wolfe received County Farmer Degree
- Feb. 12 Bought Yorkshire Gilt
- Feb. 17 District Contest

Parliamentary Procedure-Gold Award

Farm Forum-Silver Award

Demonstration-Silver Award

Feb. 22 Entered State Broller Contest

Mar. 10 Chapter Farmer Initiation, St. Louis

Mar. 24-25 State FFA Convention, MSU

Mar, 26-27 Leadership Training Conference Higgins Lake

Apr. 27-30 Finals for judging broilers

Apr. 28 Parent and Son Banquet

May 7 State FFA Agricultural Contest, MSU



Serving as 1959-60 officers of FFA are Kenneth Bradley, sentinel, John Mills, treasurer, James Fabus, vice-president, Ron Wolfe, president; Doug Foote, secretary; Doug Coon, reporter, and Howard Bryant, advisor.



BACK ROW: Janice Andersen, Nancy Andersen, Marsha Weller, Martha Follett, Nancy Nass, Margaret Shepard, Rebecca Glover, Margaret Fowler, Mary Guerrero, Karin Decker, Rebecca Matthews, Judy Haruska, Jeanne Hanus, Kathryn Wolfe, and Pauline Vanek, MIDDLE ROW: Carol Sadler, Carol Mau, Eileen Hoffer, Donna Kostal, Connie Long, Beverly Studt, Sharon Paksi, Diane Brzak, FRONT ROW: Beatrice Rodriquez, Gloria Stasa, Toni Thayer, Shirley Chapko, Sandra Reha, Shirley Evans, Helen Strnad, and Sharon Whitford.

FHA Takes Steps Toward Homemaking

Financing an emblem purchasing project for the girl's red jackets was a problem for the first semester. A large assortment of homemade candy sold December 20 solved this situation.

Junior degrees were awarded at a FHA Mother and Daughter banquet, March 20,

Four representatives attended the State Convention at Grand Rapids April 6, 7, and 8,



Mrs. Lillian McKinney, sponsor; Catherine Polash, historian; Norma Chapin, song leader, Nancy Shaw, vice-president, Shirley Wolfe, president, Marsha Lauer, treasurer; Ellen Hornback, secretary; Diane Maxa, reporter.



BACK ROW- Beverly Brown, Fl.en Homback, Karin Decker, Marsha Weller, Helen Stmad, Margaret Fowler, and Rosemary Kral. SEATED Margaret Shepard, treasurer, Sharon Whitford, president, Helen Kay Bigelow, vice-president, and Diane Maxa, secretary. Not pictured Lorraine Tupica.

"Around The World Via Books"

Ashley's Library Club belongs to the group of student librarians known as SHI-GRA-TON SLAAM from the counties of Shiawassee, Gratiot, and Clinton.

Their theme "Around the World Via Books" was a natural for their year's program:
Suggested itinerary:

5:00 Arrive on foreign soil

5:30 Eat

6:30 Business meeting

7:00 Explore the countries

8-00 Take off for homeland

October 21, 1959 -- Europe on the Summertime

Elsie High

Hostess school-Durand

February 25, 1960-South American Neighbors

St. Johns

Hostess school - Corunna

May II, 1960 -- Off to Africa

Perry - Ashley

Hostess school-Fowler

Mrs. Mauriece Buckingham, librarian, checks reference material in the magazine and newspaper corner.





4-H Club

Watching Shirley Wolfe, leader, demonstrate the pinning of a pattern are Marci Sefl, secretary; Gloria Stasa, Betty Brzak, Ruth Ann Haruska, Doris Matthews, and Beverly Studt, treasurer. Mrs. Reno Wolfe, leader, is not pictured.



Reviewing the work schedule with Mrs. Anita Kindel are Judy Duchi, Janet Gavenda, Frances Wingle, president; Sandra Tomasek, and Susan Fowler.

Mrs. Peggy Greene bastes a seam for Cheryl Osborn, vice-president; and Ruth Ann Sadler. Standing are other interested members: Mary Lou Sadler, Barbara LeClair, Janice Andersen, Jeanne Tanner, Phyllis Stasa, and Karen Mills.





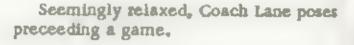
STANDING Duane Lane, sponsor, Tom Fabus, Douglas Webster, president, Chuck Mattson, Harold De Mott, Douglas Coon, Eugene Krai, vice-president, Philip Hanus, John Mills, and Norman Hanus, FRONT ROW. Ronald Gavenda, Toni Thayer, Frances Wingle, secretary, Connie Northrup, treasurer, Rita Kral, and Ronald Egres,

Letter-Earners Unite In Varsity Club

President Douglas Webster named standing committees to carry on the 1959-60 Variity Glub program. Those named were the major athletic trip committee composed of Jerry Lynn Fisk, Rita Kral, Phil Hanus, and Doug Coon. Toni Thayer, Norman Hanus, Tom Fabus, Chuck Mattson, Ron Gavenda, and Harold DeMott are members of two closely related groups, the money raising project committee and the committee which names a memorial to be left to the school.

An annual project of the Varsity Club is the Intramural games and contests. Named to this committee were Connie Northrup, Eugene Kral, Rita Kral, and Harold DeMott.

Mr. Duane Lane is advisor for the Varsity Club.







Thetics



BACK ROW Tom Good, David Thiel, Richard Goward, Doug Coon, Eugene Oberlander, Dale Oberlitner, Harold DeMott, Bob Beck, Gerald Paksi, Stanley Plesko, John Mills, and Jim Carpenter. MIDDLE ROW. Chuck Mattson, Ron Mills, Norman Hanus, Paul Beck Jr., David Beracy, Joe Duchi, and Bob Chapho, FRONT ROW Robert Ordway, Ken Bradley, Doug Hyde, Ken Davis, Johnny Jelinek, Tom Saylor, John Nixon, Ron Egres, Ricky Thayer, Galen Brown, and Tom Federspiel.

Ashley Adds Football - - 1959



Co-captains Jack MacLennan and Doug Webster, receive instructions from Coach Duane Lane and Assistant Coach John Heggaton.

Schedule

Despite the fact that Ashley didn't win any of their games, they did manage to score at two games and show good progress throughout the season. Due to Ashley's late start only six games were scheduled. The results were: September 18, Sheridan 18-Ashley 12; September 25, Morley 16-Ashley 0; October 2, Reese 33-Ashley 0; October 9, Fowler 41-Ashley 0; October 16, B.V.S. 25-Ashley 0; and October 23, Byron 13-Ashley 6.

Seniors who helped initiate football at Ashley were: Randy Good, John Carpenter, Asa Bigelow, Jack MacLennan, Douglas Webster, and Ron Gavenda. Coaches Heggaton and Lane map the strategy.

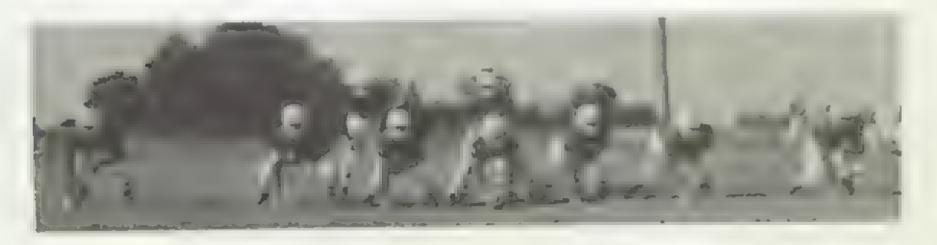


The Ashley football field felt the feet of 38 boys begin their first football season. To try for a victory the fellows practiced day after day with Duane Lane coaching and John Heggaton assisting.

Construction of the football field was a large

project. The football boys helped and they were aided by many other students from junior high, shop, and high school.

Due to the fact that there were no lights on the field Ashley played only one home game during the season which was an afternoon game.



Choice of equipment was one of the major problems for the new team. The colors finally decided upon were blue jerseys with gold letters and white helmets with blue stripes. Some of the team members demonstrate a "T" formation in their new uniforms.



Homecoming -----

Shocked by the realization that she had been named "Queen for the Day," Deanna Derry sheds a few happy tears.

Still clutching her handkerchief she breaks into a radiant smile,

Despite Mother Nature's attempt to blow away, drown out, and freeze the participants, the most impressive fall event in the school and community was the annual homecoming celebration, October 9, 1959. This day holds much historical importance, since it was Ashley's first home football game. It was also the first game ever played on the new field.

The Parade, the largest in Ashley's history, consisted of eight floats, made by various clubs and classes. It was led by the school marching band,

A sequence of events, in pictures, tells the story of the highlights of the day and the reign of the 1959 Homeoming Queen, Deanna Derry.





Toni Thayer and Carole Dougherty salute Queen Deanna Derry and her escort Doug Skaryd as the band plays a processional.

Ashley's Marching Band is on the march summer, fall, and spring. Invitational as well as home appearances are scheduled. Places the band marched in 1959 were:

Lansing Centennial Parade	May	23
Flint Concert	May	30
Bannister	July	4
Traverse City Cherry Festival	July 8.	9,10

Morley Ashley Football	Sept.	2.5
Reese-Ashley Football	Oct.	2
Homecoming	Oct	9
Band Day-Ann Arbor	Oct.	10
Byron - Ashley Football	Oct.	23
Halloween Parade	Oct.	31
When spring of 1960 returns, th	e band will	be on

the march again.

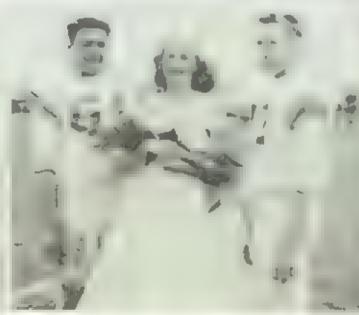
Ashley's "Man-up'front" Drum Major Eugene Kral.

---- October 9, 1959

Team again---

All smiles!









BACK ROW Tom Saylor, Jerry Fisk, Douglas Coon, Don Zimmerman, and Harold DeMott. FRONT ROW-Douglas Webster, David Beracy, Gerald Paksi, Ronald Gavenda, and Eugene Kral.

Team - Cheers - Action Records Season

The Ashley Bears closed the 1959-60 season with a 10-9 record. Following the Christmas tournaments the team gained confidence, winning seven games and losing two. Drawing Portland St. Patricks for the first tournament game, they fought to a 44-43 decision, losing by one point.

Seniors leaving the team are Douglas Webster,
Ron Gavenda, Don Zimmerman, and Jack MacLennan.

Although most of the year saw various captains serving during the games, Douglas Webster received the vote of his team mates for permanent captain.

Varsity Cheerleaders Toni Thayer, Frances Wingle, Connie Northrup, Rita Kral, and Marguerite Krueger set up a rousing cheer.





Another Varsity cheerleader, Julie Fisk, trained Ashley's all boy group. Tom Fabus, Eugene Kral, Brian Osborn, Dennis Cook, and Ron Mills gave a really sharp performance while cheering at girls' basketball games.

SCHEDULE

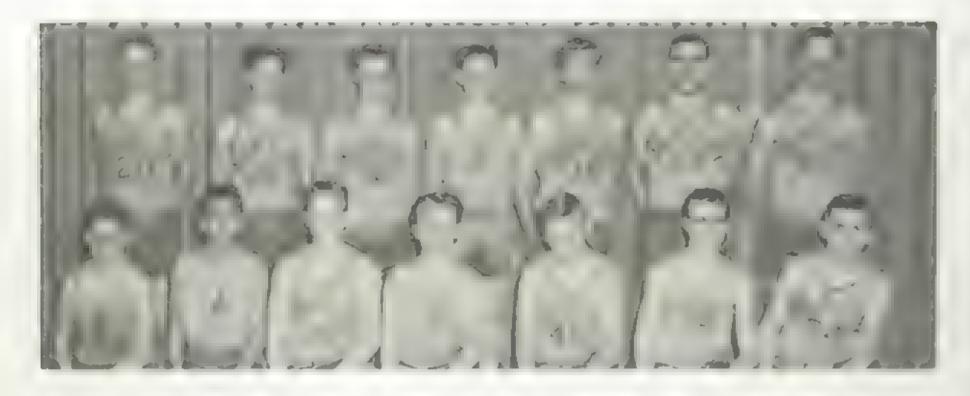
Nov.	27	Ashley	49	Chesaning	67*	Jan.	22	Ashley	58	Portland	64*
				Our Lady		Jan.	26	Ashley	80	Mame	28*
Dec.	1	Ashley	38	Laingsburg	39	Feb.	2	Ashley	50	Laingsburg	32*
Deca	4	Ashley	68	B.V.S.	45°	Feb.	9	Ashley	52	Chesaning	51
Dec.	- 8	Ashley	54	Bath	72					Our Lady	
Dec.	11	Ashley	34	Portland	62	Feb.	12	Ashley	62	Mame	49
Dec.	15	Ashley	39	Saginaw Arthur	36	Feb.	16	Ashley	62	Elsie	71
				Hill Tech.		Feb.	19	Ashley	46	Blanchard	32
Jan.	15	Ashley	67	Blanchard	450	Feb.	23	Ashley	50	B.V.S.	42
Jan.	19	Ashley	61	Elsie	53	• Hom	е дал	res			

In a tranquil moment before the game Coaches Heggaton and Lane listen intently as the referees explain the rules.

A tense moment develops as Doug Webster 30, follows his shot as the ball teeters on the rim.







BACK ROW: Kenneth Davis, Dennis Cook, Paul Beck Jr., Larry Stoneman, Dale Oberlitner, Anton Strpko, Kent Kremer, FRONT ROW: Brian Osborn, Roger Uribe, Ronald Egres, Harold Stehlik, Bob Chapko, Joe Duchi, and Tom Fabus.

Freshmen-Sophomores Dominate JV's

Schedule:									
Nov. 27	Ashley 31	Chesaning	52*	Jan.	26	Ashley	50	Marne	44*
		Our Lady		Feb.	2	Ashley	45	Laingsburg	42*
Dec. 1	Ashley 23	Laingsburg	17	Feb.	9	Ashley	51	Chesaning	53
Dec. 4	Ashley 32	B.V.S.	34*					Our Lady	
Dec. 8	Ashley 27	Bath	52	Feb.	12	Ashley	40	Marne	23
Dec. 11	Ashley 33	Portland	43	Feb.	16	Ashley	40	Elsie	47*
Dec. 15	Ashley 19	Saginaw Arthur	37	Feb.	19	Ashley	40	Blanchard	42
		Hill Tech.		Feb.	23	Ashley	21	B.V.S.	29
Jan. 15	Ashley 32	Blanchard	51*	*Hom	e games				
Jan. 19	Ashley 26	Elsie	44				er tak	es rebound at Bla	inchard
Jan. 22	Ashley 23	Portland	44*		g	ame,			

Coach John Heggaton







BACK ROW: Marguerite Krueger, Nancy Schreiber, Rita Kral, Sharon Shaw, Julie Fisk, Karin Decker, manager; Pauline Vanek, Carol Wallen, Cathy Polash, Lorraine Tupica, and Shirley Chapko, MIDDLE ROW: Jeanne Hanus, Rebecca Matthews, and Janie Fisk, KNEELING: Co-captains Connie Northup and Frances Wingle.

1960 Saw New Girls' Line-Up

Stretching for the rebound in the Ashley-Ithaca game.





Coach Mary Alice Snider

Coach Snider, former teacher at Ashley, took over coaching duties on an afterschool basis. Fifteen girls were chosen to represent Ashley with no set starting six. The schedule follows:

TOLLOY	4.2.				
Dec.	16	Ashley	17	Ithaca	27
Jan.	6	Ashley	33	Fulton	43°
Jan.	12	Ashley	26	Lyons	45
Jan.	20	Ashley	25	Chesaning	28
Jan,	27	Ashley	46	Ithaca	35*
Feb.	3	Ashley	57	Lyons	55*
Feb.	17	Ashley	22	Fulton	42
Feb.	24	Ashley	50	Chesaning	46*
Home	games*				



SPRING TRACKMEN 1960 Coach John Heggaton, Gerald Paksi, Stanley Plesko, Robert Geiger, Harold DeMott, Douglas Coon, David Beracy, John Carpenter, MIDDLE ROW. Norman Hanus, Ronald Mills, Jim Carpenter, Chuck Mattson, and Randy Good. FRONT ROW. John Mills, Jerry Fisk, Kenneth Bradley, Douglas Hyde, Ricky Thayer, and Tom Good, manager.

Spring Sports

Major meets which Ashley's boys will attend are the Central Michigan University relays at Mt. Pleasant on April 29, 1960; Albion College Invitational Track Camival at Albion on May 7, 1960, Regional Track and Field Meet at Mt. Pleasant on May 14, 1960; and the State Final Track Meet at Mt. Pleasant

on May 21, 1960. Two major games in baseball had been scheduled when the annual went to press which were the Regional Invitational Baseball Meet at Mt. Pleasant on May 13, 1960 and the Baseball Finals at Mt. Pleasant on May 20, 1960.

PROSPECTIVE BASEBALL PLAYERS 1960. Richard Williams, Pat Cordray, Dennis Cook, Wayne Brown, Anton Strpko, Kent Kremer, 80b Burk, John Carpenter, Gerald Paksi, Eugene Kral, Tom Fabus, and Coach Duane Lane, KNEELING Ricky Thayer, Ronald Egres, Jack Solomon, Glen Motz, Robert Ordway, 80b Chapko, and Harold Stehlik.





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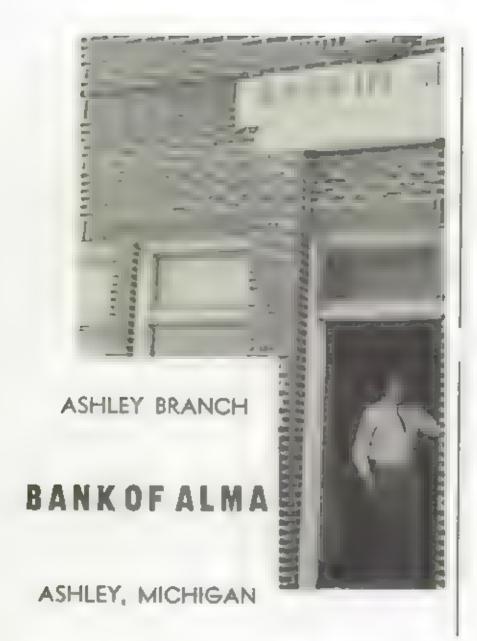
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